TO: Academic Senate

FROM: Executive Committee

SUBJECT: Support for CSU East Bay Budget Summit

PURPOSE: For action by the Senate

ACTION REQUESTED: That the Senate endorse and encourage all members of the University community to attend the campus Budget Summit on March 13.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: A forum for the Cal State East Bay community on the state budget crisis - and how it could impact the university - will be held Thursday, March 13 from noon to 1 p.m. in the Presentation Center, VBT 124, of the Wayne and Gladys Valley Business and Technology Center. The event will highlight the negative impacts that the governor’s proposed budget cut of $312.9 million for 2008/09 would have on Cal State East Bay and the California State University’s 23-campus system. Similar meetings are being held on all CSU campuses with the support of the CSU administration, the California Faculty Association and other unions, and the California State Student Association.

Participants at the forum will represent a cross-section of the University community including representatives of:
• The Academic Senate
• Associated Students, Inc., and Students for Quality Education
• California Faculty Association, Unit 3
• California State University Employees Union, Units 2, 5, 7 and 9.
• Academic Professionals of California, Unit 4
• United Auto Workers, representing teaching associates and instructional student assistants, Unit 11

The speakers will encourage attendees to join a CSU-wide grassroots effort to prevent the funding cuts from going through by contacting their state representatives and stressing the CSU’s value to the local and state economy.